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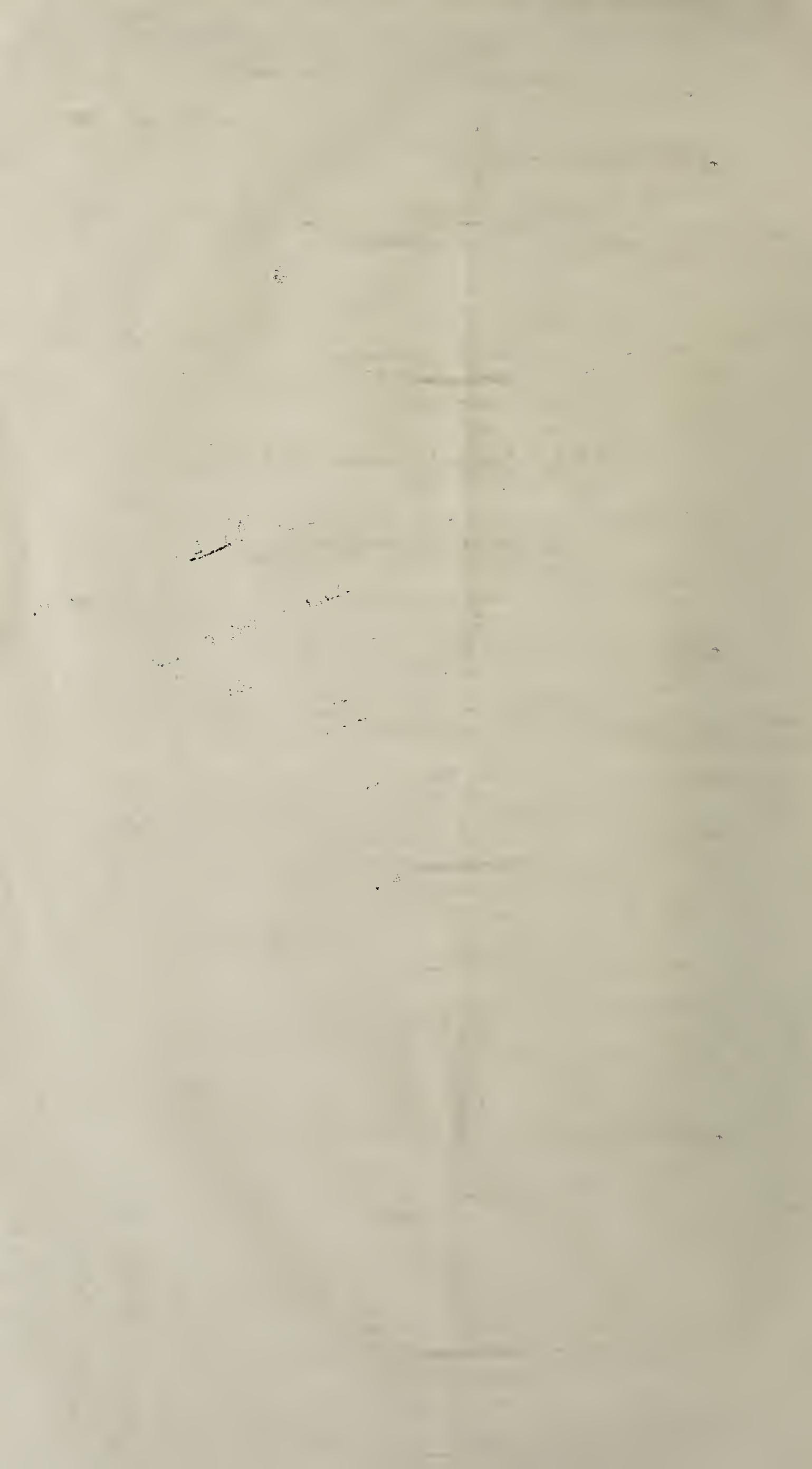
MEDICAL OFFICER

OF
HEALTH

for

the year

1943.



To the Mayor and Members of the Corporation of the
Borough of Liskeard.

I hereby present my Annual Report for the year 1943.

In the main the general health has been very good. As you are well aware there is a considerable amount of overcrowding and more houses are urgently needed. At least over a hundred houses are unfit for human habitation in all respects and many others sorely need repairs which can not be carried out at present owing to the labour shortage.

You have already, more or less, decided on a post-war plan for building at least another two hundred houses, which should ease the situation.

Water.

There is now a safe and plentiful supply of water. Maintenance repairs have been completed at the reservoirs but there is still a considerable wastage from the mains and household connections etc. The labour shortage is chiefly responsible for this.

Slaughterhouses.

These, at present, are inadequate and unsuitable. There is every prospect of a modern up-to-date slaughterhouse being built in the near future by private enterprise.

Milk.

I should like to see much greater care taken in the delivery of milk. Milk bottles, both full and empty, should not be left on the ground at street and lane corners while the roundsmen and roundswomen are delivering and collecting other bottles in the vicinity. It is not at all an unusual sight to see dogs merrily urinating over these unguarded bottles.

It should also be regarded as an infringement to refill and reseal any milk bottles during a delivery round. All "empties" should be taken back to the dairy to be washed and sterilised before re-filling.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

There has been a very good response to the Diphtheria Immunisation Scheme. About 95% of the children between 5 to 15 years and 90% of the children up to 5 years old have been ^{so} protected from this dread disease.

I have received active support and whole hearted co-operation from most of the local school teachers in this matter, hence the above results.

Infant Welfare Centre.

This centre, manned by voluntary workers, does splendid work by holding regular weekly meetings for mothers and infants, where advice on feeding, clothing and general hygiene is freely given,

It is pleasing to note that a neglected or unclean child is very rarely seen in this Borough, and I am sure that this devoted band of workers led by Mrs. Huddy, the Mayoress, has done much to raise the standard of Infant Welfare locally.



Skin Diseases.

Both scabies ("Itch") and Impetigo have been more in evidence this year but this is largely explained by the war time over crowding, and both complaints quickly respond to treatment when detected.

There have been very few cases of Infestation by Head and body lice.

Public Baths, even a few baths, would be a great boon, as very few of the smaller houses have bathrooms or such facilities.

Every house should have its own Water Closet. At present this is not so.

There has been no change in the Disposal of sewage, which still remains in the same unsatisfactory condition.

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Statistics and Local Conditions.

Area of the Borough:- 2704 acres.

Registrar General's Estimate of the Resident Population for 1943:- 4525

No. of inhabited Houses:- 1215

Rateable Value of the Borough:- £31,081.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate:- £122. 15. 9.

Vital Statistics.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	30	32	62
Illegitimate	2	5	7
Total Live Births	<u>32</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>69</u>

There were no still births.

Birth Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population:- 15.2

Birth Rate for England & Wales for 1943 per 1000 population:- 16.5

<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	28	48	76

Death Rate per 1000 of the Estimated Resident Population:- 16.7

Death Rate per 1000 for England & Wales:- 12.1.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes.

- (a) Puerperal Sepsis = nil.
- (b) Other puerperal causes = nil.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year.

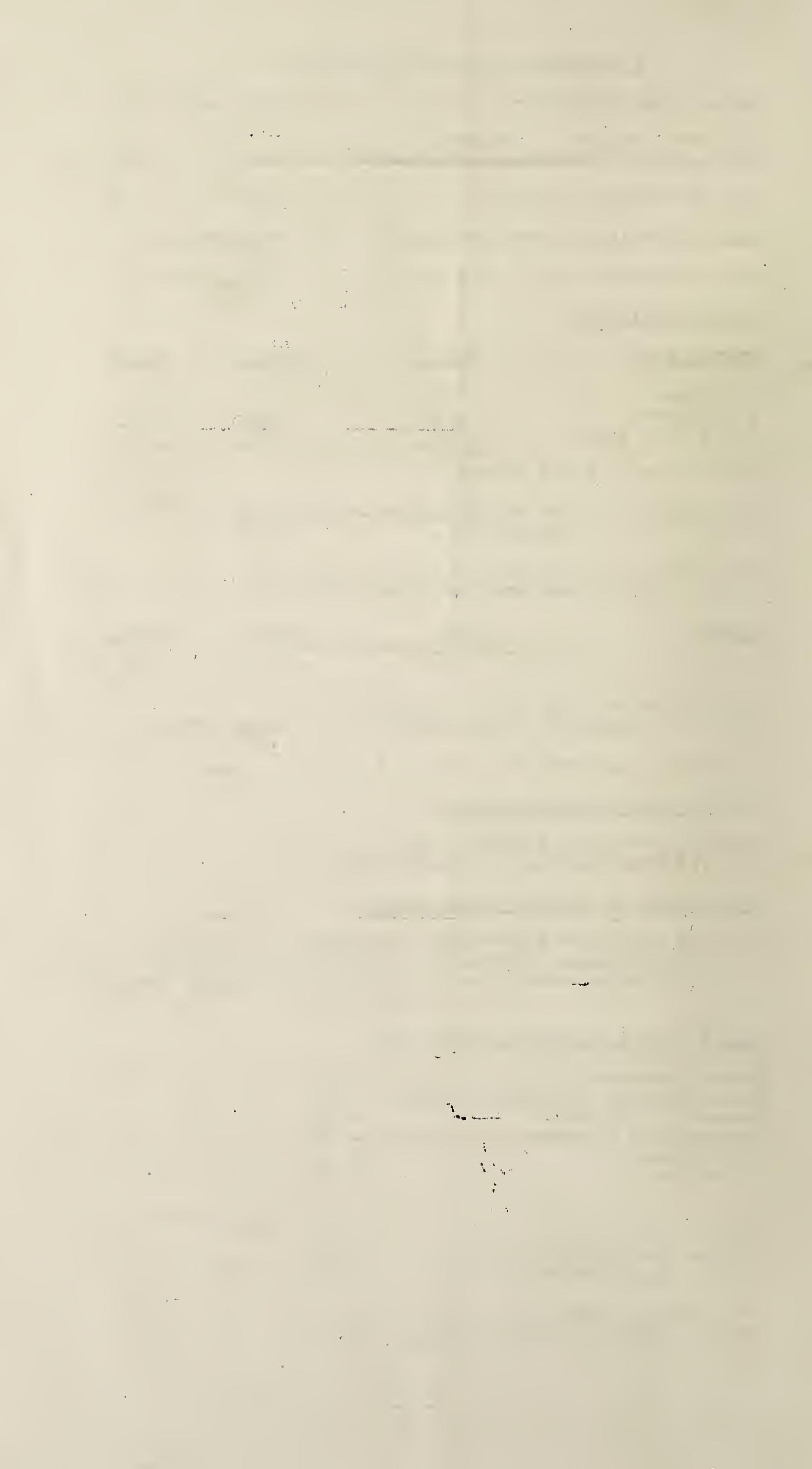
- (a) All Infants per 1000 Live Births = 86.8
- (b) Legitimate Infants per 1000 Legitimate births = 62.5
- (c) Illegitimate Infants per 1000 Illegitimate Births = 283.7

Chief Causes of Death at all Ages.

Heart Diseases	= 21
Intia-Cranial Voscular Diseases	= 12
Cancer of all sorts	= 11
Respiratory Diseases	= 7
Tuberculosis	= 4
Nephritis	= 4

Deaths from Measles	=nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough	=nil.
Deaths from Diphtheria	=nil.

Death from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	=nil.
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GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH.

(a) Medical.

The post of MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH is a part-time appointment and is held by:

J.G. MORGAN, M.R.C.S. (Eng), L.R.C.P. (Lnd).

Tuberculosis

Dr. Fergeson Walker the County Officer, attends a Clinic at the Public Assistance Institution, Lamellion House, twice a month for the examination of any Tuberculous Cases, and also for Consultations with any Medical Practitioners when necessary.

Dr. E. Wordley, of Plymouth carries out any Bacteriological or Pathological investigations which may be necessary.

Dr. Rentoul, the County Orthopaedic Officer, attends once a month at the Orthopaedic Clinic, the Welfare Centre, Fair Park, Liskeard, and one or two County Orthopaedic Sisters attend once a week for the treatment of approved cases.

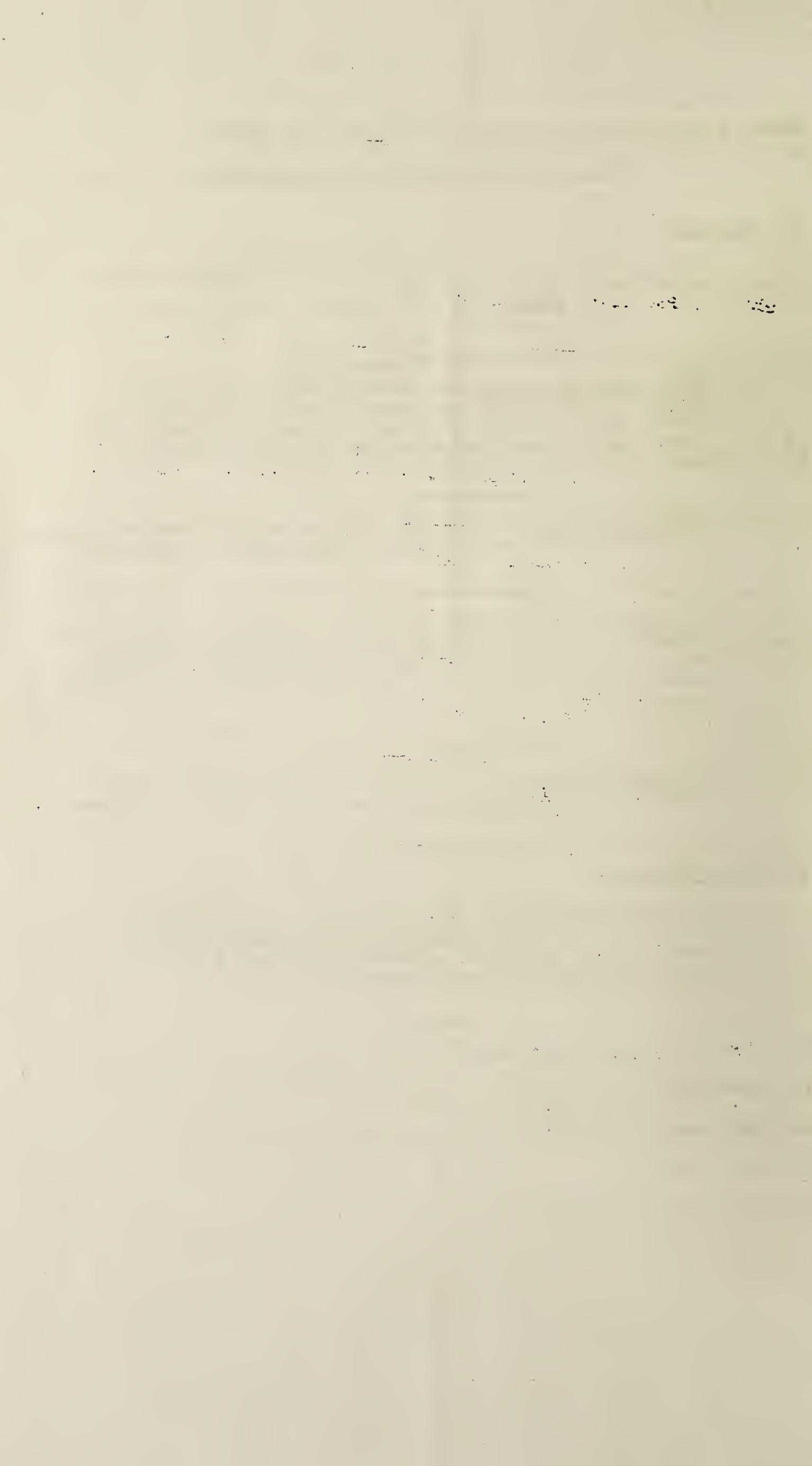
Dr. B.B. Metcalfe is the Medical Officer to the Public Assistance Institution and is also the Public Vaccinator.

(b) Other Officers.

The Borough Surveyor, Mr. E.J. Hoar, is the Sanitary Inspector. He is an Associate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, a qualified Sanitary Inspector and also a qualified Meat and Food Inspector.

There have not been any changes in the following:-

- (1) Laboratory Facilities.
- (2) Ambulance Facilities.
- (3) Home Nursing.
- (4) Hospital Facilities.



The County Obstetrician, Mr. . Hastings Ince, attends an Ante-Natal Clinic at the Infant Welfare Centre once a week and is always very willing to help and advise general practitioners with difficult problems.

Dr. Sheridam, County Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon, also holds a Clinic for the school children when necessary.

The County Dental Surgeons also hold Dental Clinics for the treatment of school children when necessary.

Miss D. Eales, the County Health Visitor, holds regular Minor Ailment Clinics for school children at the Infant Welfare Centres and is also more than helpful in visiting and advising inexperienced mothers etc.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)
during the year 1943.

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	-	-
Pneumonia	9	-	1
Whooping Cough	3	-	-
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Measles	6	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Age periods	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non.Respiratory		Respiratory		Non.Res.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	45	1	1	-	1	1	-
45	-	65	1	1	-	-	1	1
65 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2	2	-	-	1	2	1	1

I have nothing more to report.

JOHN G. MORGAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

Borough of Liskeard.

